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SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Almost all the sanitary inspectors' salaries have been scaled after a certain level even though their family expenditure is increasing year after year? Will the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of giving them some promotion after they have put in some years of service? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" They can apply for recruitment as health inspectors, Sir."

Construction of roads in Erode taluk under the Five-Year Plan.

* 639 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the number of country roads to be constructed in Erode taluk under the Five-Year Plan?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" The number of village roads to be formed in Erode taluk under the Five-Year Plan is 12 and ten roads have already been formed. One road is being formed and the remaining one road is yet to be formed."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" கோயம்புத்தூர் ஜில்லாவில் மூன்று வருஷங்களுக்கு முன்னால் 65 ரோடுகள் போடவேண்டுமென்று சர்க்காருக்கு சிபார்சு செய்யப்பட்டது. ஆனால் ' இதில் 10 ரோடுகள்தான் செய்வோம் ' என்று சர்க்கார் ஒப்புக்கொண்டார்கள். 10 ரோடுகள் எடுத்துக்கொண்ட பிறகு இதுவரை இரண்டு ரோடுகள்தான் போடப் பட்டிருக்கிறது. ஆகவே சர்க்கார் இந்த பாக்கி 63 ரோடுகளையும் போட முன் வருவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" A separate question may be put, Sir. The main question relates to Erode taluk."

Admission to the Agricultural College, Coimbatore.

* 640 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications received for admission to the Agricultural College at Coimbatore for 1952–53; and

(*b*) the number selected?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) 232.

" (*b*) 96."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" If the information is available with the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture, may I know the number of Harijan applicants who have been selected this year? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Selection for this year is yet to be made."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May I know how many candidates from the Backward Classes applied and how many applications were rejected? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

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• SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR :—" தகப்பன் தொழிலைத் தான் மகன் செய்யவேண்டுமென்ற புதிய கல்வித் திட்டத்தை பரப்பும் இந்த சர்க்கார், இந்த விவசாயக் கல்லூரிக்கு விவசாயிகளின் மகன்களை மட்டும் தேர்ந்தெடுப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" In the first place, I do not admit that it is the policy of the Government that the ancestors' professions should be compulsorily followed by the children. So far as selection of candidates for the Agricultural College is concerned, it is my personal view that people who have got lands or people who are already farmers should be given preference and their children admitted to the College so that they may apply better the knowledge they gain at the College and help further development of agriculture, than those who go in for the course merely for the sake of jobs."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Next question."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" This can be taken up to-morrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" There is already a complaint from hon. Members that some of their questions have not been answered. Now I have got 500 questions ready with answers. I want to place them before the House from to-morrow at the rate of 40 questions a day. I shall allow only a few supplementary questions and would like to get through all the questions on the allotted day itself.

" Now, I would like to take up question No. 613 which was postponed since the Minister for Agriculture was not here earlier."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" In view of the representation made by the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, I would like to have that question taken up to-morrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" What is sauce for the gander is sauce for the goose also. (Laughter.) I have already told the Member that a half hour debate will be allowed and that is what he wants."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Just now you said, Sir, that a large number of questions were ready with answers and you would not allow supplementaries to be put on them."

MR. SPEAKER :—" No, no. I said that I won't allow a large number of supplementary questions."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Supplementary questions are intended for eliciting further information from the Government for the use of the general public. Two questions were postponed in the earlier part of the Question Hour because the Minister for Agriculture was not here at that time. On that account, they were postponed to to-morrow. Also, Sir, for various reasons questions are postponed for being answered at a later date either at the request of hon. Members or Ministers. This kind of postponement certainly takes away our opportunity to put supplementaries. The Hon. Minister was not here when his questions were called by you,

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Sir, and it was said that he was held up at Tiruchirappalli. Later on, now, he has turned up. He could not be here in time. What I wish to impress on the Government is that when the Assembly is in session the Ministers should remain at the headquarters so as to be in the Assembly in time so that this kind of complication could be avoided. The opportunity for putting supplementaries would not have been taken away had the Minister been here in time."

MR. SPEAKER :—" He has given the reason why he was late. The train came late and nobody could help it. He was on tour not on a week-day but on Sunday which is not a working day. He was expected here this morning but the train came late. Suppose the hon. Member, Mr. Swayamprakasam himself was in that position. Could he have made the train run faster? " (Laughter.)

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" If at all they want to undertake a tour when the Assembly is in session it must be nearby places and not distant ones. Our anxiety is that they must attend the Assembly in time."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There was no difficulty about it, Sir. I am sorry that the telegram that I sent you did not reach you in time. I mentioned in that telegram that all my questions might be taken up in the later part of the Question Hour to-day itself."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have not seen that telegram. Probably it is in the office. Yesterday was a holiday and I do not know anything about it. Even to-day, I came here only ten minutes before eight o'clock. I do not blame the Minister for coming late. He has given a valid reason for coming late.

" Now, I see starred question No. 641 has not been answered. Let it be answered first."

Central Cottage Industries Research Institute.

* 641 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether any Central Cottage Industries Research Institute has been established in this State, in pursuance of G.O. Ms. No. 213, Rural Welfare, dated 27th February 1952?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. One has been established at Madras."

Employment of Tramway workers.

* 613 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons thrown out of employment as a result of the closure of the Madras Electric Tramways, Limited;

(*b*) the number of them, if any, who were absorbed in Government service;